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INSTALLATION: Launch Area "A", Tyura Tam Missile Launch Complex
LOCATION : Tyura Tam, USSR
WAC NUMBER: 246


BRIEF NO.: JB-11-59
DATE : 28 July 1959
LAT. : 45°55'N
LONG. : 63°18'E



MAP DATA:

U.S. Air Target Chart, Series 50 (SAC), 0246-13/23A, 1:50,000
U.S. Air Target Chart, Series 200 (SAC), 246-13A, 1:200,000

REMARKS:

Further examination of Launch Area "A" reveals that the dark area positioned near the center of the concrete launch platform is apparently circular, regularly shaped, of uniform tone, and measures approximately  across. Although the nature of this dark area is unidentified, its uniformity and regularity indicate that it is not a missile blast or exhaust scar as was previously suggested in HTA/JR-4/58. The servicing tower is situated over the dark area and appears to be braced by at least eight struts which seem to rise from just outside the dark area and to converge below the top of the tower.

At least two special configuration rail cars, 75 to 80 feet in length, each with one tapered end, are identified in the area.

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